

features including an annular lip disposed on the interior surface; and

a cup sleeve disposed within the metal golf cup, the sleeve comprising a one-piece, seamless plastic cylinder defined in outer surface by an outer surface; the plastic cylinder disposed within the metal cup such that the outer surface of the plastic cylinder rests against the interior surface of the metal golf cup in an interference fit therebetween and a top edge surface of the sleeve abuts a bottom surface of the annular lip.

29. (Amended) A method of inserting a golf cup sleeve into a golf cup, the method comprising:
placing a one-piece, seamless cylindrical golf cup sleeve into a golf cup; and
releasing the golf cup sleeve so that an outer surface of the golf cup sleeve is forced against an inner surface of the golf cup and an inner surface of the golf cup sleeve does not interfere with a golf ball dropping within the golf cup.

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 20, and 29 are amended. Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 11-14, 20, and 22-30 are pending in this application.

Affirmation of Election

As provisionally elected by Applicant's representative, Peter Maki, on March 13, 2002, Applicant affirms the election and elects to prosecute the invention of the Fig. 4 embodiment, claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 11-13, 20 and 22-30. Applicant understands that the claims of the non-elected invention, claims 2 and 14, are withdrawn pending allowance of generic claim 1.